

**AMENDMENT NUMBER 1
TO
CONTRACT NO. DIR-SDD-2196
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF TEXAS, DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES
AND
CRITICAL START LLC**

This Amendment Number 1 to Contract Number DIR-SDD-2196 ("Contract") is between the Department of Information Resources ("DIR") and Critical Start LLC. ("Vendor"). DIR and Vendor agree to modify the terms and conditions of the Contract as follows:

1. **Contract, Section 2. Term of Contract** is hereby amended as follows:

DIR and Vendor hereby agree to extend the term of the Contract for one (1) year through May 3, 2015 or until terminated pursuant to the termination clauses contained in the Contract. Prior to expiration of the term, DIR and Vendor may extend the Contract, upon mutual agreement, for two (2) additional one-year term.

2. **Contract, Section 5. DIR Administrative Fee, A)** is hereby restated in its entirety as follows:

A) The administrative fee to be paid by the Vendor to DIR based on the dollar value of all sales to Customers pursuant to this Contract is three quarters of one percent (.75%). Payment will be calculated for all sales, net of returns and credits. For example, the administrative fee for sales totaling \$100,000 shall be \$750.00. The effective date of this change will be June 1, 2014.

3. **Contract, Section 6. Notification** is hereby restated in its entirety as follows:

6. Notification

All notices under this Contract shall be sent to a party at the respective address indicated below.

If sent to the State:

Dana L. Collins, CTPM, CTCM
Manager, Contract and Vendor Management
Department of Information Resources
300 West 15th Street, Suite 1300
Austin, Texas 78701
Phone: (512) 936-2233
Facsimile: (512) 475-4759
Email: dana.collins@dir.texas.gov

If sent to the Vendor:

Tera Davis

Critical Start LLC

6860 North Dallas Parkway, Suite 200

Plano, TX 75024

Phone: (214) 810-6760

Facsimile: (214) 919-4050

Email: tera.davis@criticalstart.com

4. **Appendix A, Section 4. General Provisions, F. Choice of Law** is hereby restated as follows:

F. Choice of Law

The laws of the State of Texas shall govern the construction and interpretation of the Contract. Exclusive venue for all actions will be in state court, Travis County, Texas. Nothing in the Contract or its Appendices shall be construed to waive the State's sovereign immunity.

5. **Appendix A, Section 8. Contract Administration, B. Reporting and Administrative Fees, 2) Detailed Monthly Report** is hereby restated as follows:

2) Detailed Monthly Report

Vendor shall electronically provide DIR with a detailed monthly report in the format required by DIR showing the dollar volume of any and all sales under the Contract for the previous month period. Reports shall be submitted to the DIR ICT Cooperative Contracts E-Mail Box at ict.sales@dir.texas.gov. Reports are due on the fifteenth (15th) calendar day after the close of the previous month period. The monthly report shall include, per transaction: the detailed sales for the period, Customer name, invoice date, invoice number, description, quantity, manufacturer's suggested retail price, unit price, extended price, Customer Purchase Order number, contact name, Customer's complete billing address, and other information as required by DIR. Each report must contain all information listed above per transaction or the report will be rejected and returned to the Vendor for correction in accordance with this section.

6. **Appendix A, Section 9. Vendor Responsibilities, A. Indemnification** is hereby renumbered and restated in its entirety as follows:

A. Indemnification

1) INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

VENDOR AGREES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CONTRACT, IT IS FURNISHING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN THE CAPACITY OF AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AND THAT VENDOR IS NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CUSTOMER OR THE STATE OF TEXAS.

2) Acts or Omissions

Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Texas and Customers, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES,

CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND EXPENSES arising out of, or resulting from any acts or omissions of the Vendor or its agents, employees, subcontractors, Order Fulfillers, or suppliers of subcontractors in the execution or performance of the Contract and any Purchase Orders issued under the Contract. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY VENDOR WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND VENDOR MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. VENDOR AND THE CUSTOMER AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

3) Infringements

a) Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Texas and Customers, AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES from any and all third party claims involving infringement of United States patents, copyrights, trade and service marks, and any other intellectual or intangible property rights in connection with the PERFORMANCES OR ACTIONS OF VENDOR PURSUANT TO THIS CONTRACT. VENDOR AND THE CUSTOMER AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM. VENDOR SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY VENDOR WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND VENDOR MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

b) Vendor shall have no liability under this section if the alleged infringement is caused in whole or in part by: (i) use of the product or service for a purpose or in a manner for which the product or service was not designed, (ii) any modification made to the product without Vendor's written approval, (iii) any modifications made to the product by the Vendor pursuant to Customer's specific instructions, (iv) any intellectual property right owned by or licensed to Customer, or (v) any use of the product or service by Customer that is not in conformity with the terms of any applicable license agreement.

c) If Vendor becomes aware of an actual or potential claim, or Customer provides Vendor with notice of an actual or potential claim, Vendor may (or in the case of an injunction against Customer, shall), at Vendor's sole option and expense; (i) procure for the Customer the right to continue to use the affected portion of the product or service, or (ii) modify or replace the affected portion of the product or service with functionally equivalent or superior product or service so that Customer's use is non-infringing.

7. **Appendix A, Section 9. Vendor Responsibilities, B. Taxes/Worker's Compensation/UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE** is hereby restated in its entirety as follows:

B. Taxes/Worker's Compensation/UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

1) VENDOR AGREES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CONTRACT, VENDOR SHALL BE ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIABILITY AND PAYMENT OF VENDOR'S AND VENDOR'S EMPLOYEES' TAXES OF WHATEVER KIND, ARISING OUT OF THE PERFORMANCES IN THIS CONTRACT. VENDOR AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS APPLICABLE TO ANY SUCH PERSONS, INCLUDING LAWS REGARDING WAGES, TAXES, INSURANCE, AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION. THE CUSTOMER AND/OR THE STATE SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO THE VENDOR, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR OTHERS FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OR THE PROVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/OR WORKERS' COMPENSATION OR ANY BENEFIT AVAILABLE TO A STATE EMPLOYEE OR EMPLOYEE OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY CUSTOMER.

2) VENDOR AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS CUSTOMERS, THE STATE OF TEXAS AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, AND/OR ASSIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND EXPENSES, RELATING TO TAX LIABILITY, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/OR WORKERS' COMPENSATION IN ITS PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS CONTRACT. VENDOR SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY VENDOR WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND VENDOR MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. VENDOR AND THE CUSTOMER AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

8. **Appendix A, Section 9. Vendor Responsibilities, C. Vendor Certifications** is hereby restated and renumbered in its entirety as follows:

C. Vendor Certifications

Vendor certifies on behalf of Vendor and its designated Order Fulfillers that they:

- (i) have not given, offered to give, and do not intend to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the Contract;
- (ii) are not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise tax owed the State of Texas and are not ineligible to receive payment under §231.006 of the Texas

Family Code and acknowledge the Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate;

- (iii) neither they, nor anyone acting for them, have violated the antitrust laws of the United States or the State of Texas, nor communicated directly or indirectly to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business for the purpose of obtaining an unfair price advantage;
- (iv) have not received payment from DIR or any of its employees for participating in the preparation of the Contract;
- (v) under Section 2155.004, Texas Government Code, the vendor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this bid or contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate;
- (vi) to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no suits or proceedings pending or threatened against or affecting them, which if determined adversely to them will have a material adverse effect on the ability to fulfill their obligations under the Contract;
- (vii) Vendor and its principals are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal government as listed in the *System for Award Management (SAM)* maintained by the General Services Administration;
- (viii) as of the effective date of the Contract, are not listed in the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order #13224, "*Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism*", published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control;
- (ix) to the extent applicable to this scope of this Contract, Vendor hereby certifies that it is in compliance with Subchapter Y, Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code related to the Computer Equipment Recycling Program and its rules, 30 TAC Chapter 328;
- (x) agree that any payments due under this contract will be applied towards any debt, including but not limited to delinquent taxes and child support that is owed to the State of Texas;
- (xi) are in compliance Section 669.003, Texas Government Code, relating to contracting with executive head of a state agency;
- (xii) have identified all current or former, within the last five years, employees of the State of Texas assigned to work on the DIR Contract 20% or more of their time and have disclosed them to DIR and have disclosed or do not employ any relative of a current or former state employee within two degrees of consanguinity, and, if these facts change during the course of the Contract, certify they shall disclose the name and other pertinent information about the employment of current and former employees and their relatives within two degrees of consanguinity;
- (xiii) represent and warrant that the provision of goods and services or other performance under the Contract will not constitute an actual or potential conflict

of interest and certify that they will not reasonably create the appearance of impropriety, and, if these facts change during the course of the Contract, certify they shall disclose the actual or potential conflict of interest and any circumstances that create the appearance of impropriety;

- (xiv) under Section 2155.006, Government Code, are not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledge that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate; and
- (xv) have complied with the Section 556.0055, Texas Government Code, restriction on lobbying expenditures. In addition, they acknowledge the applicability of §2155.444 and §2155.4441, Texas Government Code, in fulfilling the terms of the Contract.

During the term of the Contract, Vendor shall, for itself and on behalf of its Order Fulfillers, promptly disclose to DIR all changes that occur to the foregoing certifications, representations and warranties. Vendor covenants to fully cooperate in the development and execution of resulting documentation necessary to maintain an accurate record of the certifications, representations and warranties.

In addition, Vendor understands and agrees that Vendor may be required to comply with additional terms and conditions or certifications that an individual customer may require due to state and federal law (e.g, privacy and security requirements).

9. **Appendix A, Section 9. Vendor Responsibilities, G. Responsibility for Actions 2)** is hereby restated in its entirety as follows:

2) Vendor, for itself and on behalf of its subcontractors, shall report to DIR promptly when the disclosures under Certification Statement of Appendix A to the RFO and/or Section 9.C. (xii) and (xiii), Vendor Certifications of this Appendix A to the Contract change. Vendor covenants to fully cooperate with DIR to update and amend the Contract to accurately disclose employment of current or former State employees and their relatives and/or the status of conflicts of interest.

10. **Appendix A, Section 10. Contract Enforcement, B. Termination 2) Absolute Right** is hereby restated in its entirety as follows:

2) Absolute Right

DIR shall have the absolute right to terminate the Contract without recourse in the event that:

- i) Vendor becomes listed on the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order #13224, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism", published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control; ii) Vendor becomes suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal government as listed in the System for Award Management (SAM) maintained by the General Services Administration; or (iii) Vendor is found by DIR to be ineligible to hold this Contract under Subsection (b) of Section 2155.006, Texas Government Code. Vendor shall be provided written notice in accordance with Section 11.A, Notices, of intent to terminate.

11. Appendix A, Section 10. Contract Enforcement, B. Termination 4) Termination for Cause, b) Purchase Order is hereby restated in its entirety as follows:

b) Purchase Order

Customer or Order Fulfiller may terminate a Purchase Order upon the occurrence of a material breach of any term or condition: (i) of the Contract, or (ii) included in the Purchase Order in accordance with Section 10.B.2 above, upon the following preconditions: first, the parties must comply with the requirements of Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, in an attempt to resolve a dispute; second, after complying with Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, and the dispute remains unresolved, then the non-defaulting party shall give the defaulting party thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of notice to cure said default. If the defaulting party fails to cure said default within the timeframe allowed, the non-defaulting party may, at its option and in addition to any other remedies it may have available, cancel and terminate the Purchase Order.

All other terms and conditions of the Contract not specifically modified herein shall remain in full force and effect. In the event of a conflict among provisions, the order of precedence shall be this Amendment Number 1, and then Contract DIR-SDD-2196.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereby execute this amendment to be effective as of the date of the last signature, but in all events, no later than May 3, 2014.

Critical Start LLC.

By: Signature on file

Name: Tera Davis

Title: Managing Director

Date: 4/22/2014

The State of Texas, acting by and through the Department of Information Resources

By: Signature on file

Name: Karen Robinson

Title: Executive Director

Date: 4/28/2014

**Office of
General Counsel:** D.R. Brown 4/28/2014